

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following as separate paragraphs:

--BACKGROUND

1. Technical Field of the Invention--.

Page 1, before line 5, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

- 2. Description of Related Art.

Page 4, before line 18, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 18, as follows:

According to the first aspect of the invention there is provided a method of managing media stream connections for a media session, said method comprising the steps:

receiving a session description of a media session;

parsing the session description to determine appropriate media application programs for processing the or each media stream of the session description;

selecting one or more media streams identified in the session description, the session description including data relating to a quality of service policy; and,

determining based on available resources whether participation in the media session is viable using the quality of service policy based on said data;

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connecting the or each selected media stream to one or more respective media application program or programs utilising a session control configured for managing media stream connections for the or each media application program.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19, as follows:

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In preferred embodiments, the session control prioritises the connection requests from the media applications according to ~~a~~the quality of service policy to create a set of connection requests which are passed to the communications manager.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 12, as follows:

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According to a second aspect of the invention there is provided a system for managing media stream connections derived from a session description for a media session, the system comprising a session control for parsing the session description to determine appropriate media application programs for processing the or each media stream of the session description; a communications manager for determining based on available resources whether participation in the media session is viable using a quality of service policy based on quality of service data provided in said session description; and the session control being configured to manage media stream connections for the media applications programs.

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Page 7, before line 24, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

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Page 8, before line 13, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 1, as follows:

CLAIMS What is Claimed is: